

Claims

1. Agglomerated starch-based product consisting of starch and maltodextrin wherein at least 80% w/w of the discrete particles of said agglomerated starch-based product are greater than 100 microns, and characterised in that:
 - a) each particle is an agglomeration of randomly distributed fine grains of starch and maltodextrin, and
 - b) said agglomerated starch-based product instantly disperses and simultaneously develops its full viscosity in a cold water-containing liquid medium.
2. Agglomerated starch-based product according to claim 1 characterised in that its full viscosity in cold milk is developed in less than 10 minutes, preferably less than 8 minutes, more preferably less than 5 minutes.
3. Agglomerated starch-based product according to claim 1 or 2 characterised in that maltodextrin is present in an amount of from 5% w/w to 95% w/w on dry base of the agglomerated starch-based product, preferably from 10% w/w to 75% w/w, and more preferably from 15% w/w to 50% w/w, most preferably in an amount of from 15% w/w to 40% w/w.
4. Dry mixes for making food preparations characterised in that the dry mixes comprise an agglomerated starch-based product consisting of starch and maltodextrin and at least 80% w/w of the discrete particles of said agglomerated starch-based product are greater than 100 microns, and wherein each particle is an agglomeration of randomly distributed fine grains of starch and maltodextrin, and said agglomerated starch-based product instantly disperses and simultaneously develops its full viscosity in a cold water-containing liquid medium.
5. Dry mixes according to claim 4 characterised in that the dry mixes contain said agglomerated starch-based product in an amount of from 10% w/w and 99% w/w,

preferably from 10% w/w to 95% w/w, more preferably from 10% w/w to 80% w/w on dry base.

6. Food compositions containing dry mixes according to claim 4 or 5 characterised in that the food compositions are selected from the group consisting of instant bakery products, dairy products, instant sauces, soups, instant desserts and drink powders.
7. A dry pudding mix containing a dry mix according to claim 4 or 5 characterised in that said dry mix comprises from 20% w/w to 80% w/w agglomerated starch-based product, preferably from 40% w/w to 80% w/w, more preferably from 50% w/w to 60% w/w, and said agglomerated starch-based product comprises from 15% w/w to 40% w/w maltodextrin.

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